

GRAND GULCH PLATEAU STIPULATIONS

SADDLE AND PACK STOCK USE

1. ALL COMMERCIAL and PRIVATE STOCK USE REQUIRES A PERMIT

A permit reservation system is in place requiring advanced reservation permits for overnight use to be obtained from the BLM Monticello Field Office at least 3 weeks in advance for private parties and by July of the previous year for commercial trips. Walk-In overnight permits are not available. Private party payments may be made in advance of trip start date through the Monticello Field Office and a confirmation packet including stipulations will be mailed. However, physical overnight permits for commercial and private trips must be obtained from the Kane Gulch Ranger Station between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the trip start date or one day prior. Private day use does not require an advanced permit. All commercial and organized groups are required to submit a Special Recreation Application. All groups of 8 or more must make reservations for overnight use.

- a. OVERNIGHT STOCK USE AREAS: Collins Canyon, Government Trail, Grand Gulch from Collins Canyon to the Bullet/Grand Gulch confluence, Fish Creek Canyon from Comb Wash to confluence with Owl Canyon, Mule Canyon South of U-95, Road Canyon, Lime Creek Canyon, Johns Canyon and Arch Canyon.
- b. AREAS FOR DAY USE ONLY: Two miles upstream Fish Canyon from the confluence with Owl Canyon, McLoyd Canyon to the impassable pour off, and Owl Canyon to Nevill's Arch.
- c. AREAS CLOSED TO STOCK USE: Grand Gulch from Kane Gulch trailhead to Grand Gulch/Bullet Canyon confluence, Grand Gulch below Collins Canyon, all of the Slickhorn Canyons, Mule Canyon north of U-95, Bullet Canyon to the Grand Gulch/Bullet confluence, Fish Creek Canyon from 2 miles upstream from Fish Creek and Owl Creek confluence, and Owl Canyon above Nevill's Arch.
- d. USE LIMITATIONS. Stock use, both day and overnight, is subject to the provisions of the Grand Gulch Plateau Cultural and Recreation Management Plan which allows for no more than one overnight stock party at a time in any canyon on Cedar Mesa. However, Grand Gulch is limited to only one stock trip at any time, day or overnight. In the other canyon systems on Cedar Mesa day stock use, at this time, is not restricted. The BLM will monitor day use, and reserves the right to implement a day use allocation and reservation system at a future date if the impacts of day use visitation warrant.

2. GROUP SIZE for overnight and day use in the Grand Gulch Primitive area, and other Cedar Mesa Canyons are restricted to 12 individuals and 8 animals (pack and/or saddle).

3. FEES: All private overnight trips must be paid in advance through the Monticello Field office. Private day use fees may be paid in advance or at the fee tubes located at trailheads. Fees are \$8.00 per person/per trip for overnight use (March 1 – June 15, and Sept. 1 – Oct. 31) and \$5.00 per person/per trip during off seasons or \$2.00 per person/per day for day use. Commercial fees are billed at the end of each season.

4. CAMPING is allowed only at existing campsites. No new campsites may be developed. No unauthorized use of existing corrals.

5. FEED: All riding and pack animals must be fed certified weed-free feed for 48 hours in advance of and for the duration of the trip on public lands. Adequate amounts of feed will be carried for all stock.

6. LOOSE HERDING of pack and saddle stock is prohibited. All stock must be under physical control. When tethered, all stock must be at least 200 feet away from any water source and well away from archaeological sites and their surrounding benches.

7. NO NEW TRAILS will be established for stock use. Use will be restricted to existing trails and routes in areas open to recreational stock use.

8. CAMPFIREs are prohibited in all canyons.